
A Resource Guide For Kinship Care

KINSHIP CARE IS THE FULL TIME CARE OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR
MINOR CHILDREN BY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT THEIR PARENTS

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TEMPE, AZ 85282
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kinship care centers

These agencies provide information and referral, parenting classes, support groups, DES clinics, guardianship workshops, education and social events for kinship caregivers.

East Valley Family Resource Center

817 North Country Club
Mesa, AZ 85201
480.834.9424
www.childcrisis.org

Beatitudes Center DOAR

Project GrandCare
555 West Glendale Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85021
602.274.5022
www.centerdoar.org

Golden Gate Community Center

1625 N. 39th Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85009
602-233-0017
www.goldengatecenter.org

Parenting Service Information Line

County-wide information about parenting and family support services.
480.834.9365

healthcare assistance

AZ DES Family Assistance Administration

Contact by phone or on-line to find the nearest FAA office:
Customer Service: 602.542.9935
Toll Free: 1.800.352.8401
www.azdes.gov/faa

Services: The FAA determines eligibility for medical assistance through AHCCCS. There are cases that count only the child's income. Child custody status is not an issue. Application for FAA services also can be made when applying for cash assistance and food stamps.

financial and household assistance

AZ DES: Family Connections (FC) Unit

Mesa Kinship Team
163 North Dobson
Mesa, AZ 85201
480.890.7316 or 480.890.7334

Services: FC provides resource connections for housing, clothing, food boxes, etc. for relative caregivers and assists with paperwork for TANF, JOBS, food stamps and AHCCCS (insurance). FC also provides assistance completing paperwork for guardianship, private petitions and/or powers of attorney; and can accompany families to court hearings. Involvement is voluntary, family-driven and free.

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Services: TANF Kinship Care Program (cash assistance): Kinship caregivers must be a specified relative (by blood, adoption, or marriage) or a non-related legal permanent guardian for the child. Child only cases include only the child's income (i.e. survivor's benefits, child support etc.); the adult income does not have to be included. The applicant can also apply for food stamps and AHCCCS medical assistance. The application interview can be performed over the phone.

AZ DES Administration for Children, Youth, and Families

Contact: 1.877.KIDSNEEDU 1.877.543.7633 ext 38
Program information available at:
www.azdes.gov/dcyf/adoption/publications.asp

Services: Kinship Foster Care Program. This program seeks relatives to be the caregivers for children in the care, custody and control of Child Protective Services (CPS). Contact KIDSNEEDU to attend a program orientation.

legal assistance

Grandparents United for Children's Rights

1301 East Whitton Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85014
602.273.0004

Services: Legal services include help with guardianship, dependency, termination of parental rights and adoption. The agency can also help establish paternity when the father is deceased. One-on-one consultation and legal workshops are fee based. Free services include a 2-hour guardianship clinic, 1-2 hour general information presentations to schools and churches and a 6-week Grandparents Raising Grandchildren parenting class.

Superior Court of AZ, Maricopa County

Self-Service Center / Southeast Court Complex - Law Library
222 East Javelina, 1st Floor
Mesa, AZ 85210

Monday – Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Additional locations and all necessary forms are available on the website at:

www.superiorcourt.maricopa.gov/ssc

Services: The self service center includes the forms necessary to file a guardianship, dependency or custody petition in Superior Court in Maricopa County and procedures for service of court papers. Also included are forms to request a waiver or deferral of court fees and costs. Especially helpful is the publication entitled: *Dependency vs Guardianship: Important Information You Need to Know*.

Justice for Children – AZ

P.O. Box 45500
Phoenix, AZ 85064
602.235.9300

www.justiceforchildren.org (National)

Services: Child abuse victim advocacy, casework and legal services for concerned protective kinship caregiver when traditional avenues have failed to protect children.

other human services resources

Community Information and Referral (24 hour phone referral)

602-263-8856 (or 800-352-3792 from area codes 520 and 928)

Arizona 2-1-1 Online

<http://www.az211.gov>